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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIANS AND CHINESE CONCLUDE REUNIFICATION UNDERSTANDING

1. AUSTRALIAN CONOFF INFORMED USLO SEPTEMBER 1 THAT AUSTRALIAN-PRC REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES UNDERSTANDING WILL BE SIGNED NEXT WEEK. AUSTRALIANS HAVE NOW ENTERED INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINESE FOR BLANKET CONSULAR AGREEMENT.

2. WITHOUT ELABORATING, AUSTRALIAN CONOFF SAID THAT REUNIFICATION UNDERSTANDING IS MORE DETAILED THAN THE 1973 CANADIAN-PRC REUNIFICATION AGREEMENT, AND ALSO DIFFERS IN SEVERAL RESPECTS. HE NOTED THAT DURING FINAL STAGES OF NEGOTIATIONS CHINESE MADE FREQUENT REFERENCES TO THE MAGNITUDE OF THE "AMERICAN SITUATION" AS COMPARED WITH THE HANDFUL OF FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN-PRC UNDERSTANDING, AND HE GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE CHINESE HAD EXPENDED SO MUCH EFFORT ON THE FORMULATION OF THE WORDING IN THE PRC-AUSTRALIAN UNDERSTANDING IN PART BECAUSE IT WOULD BE USED AS A MODEL FOR ANY FUTURE REUNIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S.

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3. IF USLO CAN OBTAIN COPY OF UNDERSTANDING FROM

AUSTRALIAN COLLEAGUES, WILL FORWARD TO ADDRESSEES.
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